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SUMMARY OF CASES ACCEPTED DURING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23, 1998

[This news release is issued to inform the public and the press of cases that the Supreme Court has accepted and of their general subject matter. The description or descriptions set out below do not necessarily reflect the view of the court, or define the specific issues that will be addressed by the court.]

#98-159 People v. Baker, S073543. (C024609; 65 Cal.App.2d 1452.)
Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed a judgment of conviction of criminal offenses. This case presents an issue, concerning whether the admission of evidence of prior sex offenses to show propensity to commit such offenses, which is related to an issue before the court in People v. Falsetta, S071521 (#98-107), and People v. Ritson, S071200 (#98-108).

#98-160 People v. Le, S073315. (G018045, G018046, G018057; 65 Cal.App.4th 1223.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal reversed judgments of conviction of criminal offenses. This case presents issues, concerning whether the criminal statute of limitations is jurisdictional or is an affirmative defense and the burden of proof thereon, which are related to issues before the court in People v. Williams, S069793. (See #98-83)

#98-161 Miller v. Superior Court, S073888. (C027176; 66 Cal.App.4th 334.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal denied a petition for

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peremptory writ of prohibition. This case concerns whether the prosecution in a criminal proceeding has a state constitutional due process right to require the news media to disclose unpublished information otherwise protected by the newsmen's shield law. (See Cal. Const., art. I, §§ 2, 9; Evid. Code, § 1070.)

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